

Remarks

Pending claims 1-30 were indicated as allowable on July 26, 2000. Applicant's undersigned representative has contacted the Patent Office on numerous occasions over the past several years to inquire about the status of the application and ask what could be done to move the application forward.

Among other things, Applicant submitted a Communication with proposed amendments to the claims, and it appears that the proposed amendments were entered. One purpose for submitting this Amendment is to establish whether or not the claim amendments were indeed entered, even though they were submitted as proposed amendments in the form of a Communication. The "claims section" of this Amendment is based on the assumption that the amendments were entered.

Another purpose for submitting this Amendment is to add new claims for examination, and seek some way to get an issued patent for subject matter that was indicated as allowable more than four years ago. In this regard, new claims 31 and 32 are patterned after claim 16, and include an alternative description of the path of exercise motion. Also, new claims 36-43 are method claims patterned after apparatus claims 10-17, and new claims 44-55 are method claims patterned after apparatus claims 19-30.

In addition, Applicant has added new apparatus claims 33-35 to recite the invention in alternative terms, as well as new method claims 56-58 that are patterned after apparatus claim 35, new method claims 59-61 that are patterned after apparatus claim

36, and new method claims 62-64 that are patterned after apparatus claim 33.

If the Examiner believes it would be more appropriate or effective to divide the previously pending claims and/or the newly added claims into separate applications, Applicant's undersigned representative would appreciate an opportunity to discuss the issue, as well as any other procedural option available to Applicant at this time.

In conclusion, Applicant believes that claims 1-64 are patentable and respectfully requests allowance of same, or in the alternative, some guidance for moving this application forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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